



KARP PUBLIC SERVICE FUNDING REQUEST SUMMARY (35-PTS)

Organization Summary (5 Points)

Organization Name	Still I Rise
Project Title	Youth Development Program

Funding Amount Requested:

Total budget requested for this project	\$338,131.61	Other sources of funding	N/A
Individuals/Households Served	200	Cost per Individual/Household	\$2,996.63

Timeline (months) 12 Estimated Start date 5/16/2022 Completion date 5/4/2023

Project Summary (10 Points)-What is the service accomplishing in less than 100 words? What is your organization doing with the requested funds?

The service promotes healthy development of youth by providing services consisting of a comprehensive curriculum which includes a series of seminars, workshops, and events that aim to educate youth on a variety of topics such as personal development, building resiliency, leadership development, career awareness, community involvement, financial literacy, etc. Youth in need will receive hygiene kits, along with daily nutritious meals. To ensure youth have nutritious meals on weekends, participants will receive food care packages weekly.

The funds will be utilized for program expenses:

- staff
- supplies and materials
- nutrition
- occupancy
- equipment and software
- seminars and workshops
- marketing materials
- travel

Community Need (10 Points)-Describe the community need and who are the people who would be served (100 words or less)

The City of Kankakee in which Still I Rise serves has a higher poverty rate than the rest of Kankakee County. The City of Kankakee has a poverty rate of 28.9% compared to 13.8% for the County per the U.S. Census Bureau Quick facts.

Still I Rise serve at-risk and underprivileged youth between the ages of 12-18 who suffer from violence, exploitation, abuse, along with malnutrition. Living in poverty results in adolescence participating in violent activities. In these communities, many youth do not receive the proper education, and leave school without learning to read, write or perform basic math.

Project Outcomes (10 Points)- What is the intended result of funds invested? (100 words or less)

The intended result of the funds invested:

- Increased resiliency skills, positive identity and self-esteem in youth
- Enhanced strengths to be productive citizens
- Reduced youth violence
- A better community
- Strengthened youth employability
- Increased youth self-development and leadership skills

The program will assist in counteracting youth violence. Participants will build resiliency as they attend workshops and participate in activities educating about them about coping and conflict resolution skills in hopes that youth will began to channel their anger, rather turning to violence. Soft skills will be taught to strengthen youth's employability through the use of group projects to foster teamwork.



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PROJECT DETAILS & APPROACH (40 Points)

Provide a brief description of the proposed project by explaining the following:

- Who are you fulfilling a need for? Describe the population this program would serve
- What are you proposing to do to serve this population?
- Why is your activity necessary?

Fulfilling the need for:

At-risk and underprivileged youth between the ages of 12-18.

Description of population served:

These youth live in extremely poverty stricken communities consisting of a lack of resources along with limited access to healthcare, education, entrepreneurial education, financial literacy, leadership training, and a host of other pertinent education and training that prevent them from making positive choices in the community.

What Still I Rise is proposing to do to serve this population:

Provide youth development to enhance the value, impact and resilience of the overall health of youth and the community at large.

Why the program is necessary:

The Youth Development Program is necessary because there is a need in the community to promote positive outcomes by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships, and giving the support that is needed to develop youth's assets and prevent negative behaviors. It is necessary to strengthen youth's sense of identity, and belief in their future, along with providing safer communities with stronger support services.

Will your organization implement this activity if KARP funds are not awarded? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, how will the implementation be achieved? What will you do to make this program sustainable without KARP funds in future years?

How Still I Rise will implement the Youth Development Program if funds are not awarded:

- Consider other funding sources and fundraising activities
- Seek local, State and Federal grants
- Leverage existing resources
- Seek private donations to support the program
- Reapply for KARP funds the next funding cycle

How Still I Rise will make this program sustainable without KARP funds in future years:

- Develop partnerships and relationships with relevant and key stakeholders
- Develop a strong communication strategy so that the program results can be shared with a large audience
- Diversify funding sources and explore new opportunities



TARGETED POPULATION (45 Points)

Meeting the National Objective

Which Economic and Community Development Agency objective does your program fit?:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Affordable housing | 5. Youth Empowerment |
| 2. Creating livable communities | 6. Child Care |
| 3. Economic development | |
| 4. Public services | |

Other: _____

Does your program or activity fit any of these goals?

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Battered and Abused Spouse Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Pandemic Recovery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Housing Subsidies | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Services (age 62 and over) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

What percent are LMI? (must be over 50%)

➤Low-income = individual income less than 50 % of the area median income.

➤Moderate-income = individual income. between 50 - 80% of the area median. income.

☒ Activities where 80% to 100% of persons benefiting are Low/Mod Income will receive

☐ Activities where 51% to 79.99% of persons benefiting are Low/ Moderate Income will receive

Will this activity exclusively serve clientele from one of these categories?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abused Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Severely Disabled Adults (per Census Bureau definition) | <input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battered Spouses | <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Farm Workers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Persons | <input type="checkbox"/> Persons living with AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Will the activity be serving individual clients (IC) or households (HH): ☒ IC ☐ HH

What is the total number of all persons/households you expect to serve?

200

What is the total number of **Low/Mod Income** persons/households to be served?

200

What is the **percentage** of Low/Mod Income persons/households to be served?

100%



How will this activity improve economic opportunities for households located in areas of concentrated poverty?

How will this activity help eliminate or reduce areas of concentrated poverty? (1000-characters max)

How this program will improve economic opportunities for households located in areas of concentrated poverty:

The program promotes economic empowerment and opportunities by allocating pertinent resources to youth. The program provides a safe space to connect youth to vital platforms to build skills and minimize vulnerability. Vocational training is provided to youth, developing critical skills so that they can successfully transition from education to employment. The program leads youth to higher incomes, better education, reduced poverty, better health, future entrepreneurs and economic growth.

How this program will help eliminate or reduce areas of concentrated poverty:

- Improved school outcomes
- Improved education
- Opportunities to work at higher paying jobs

The program assists youth in communities of concentrated poverty by addressing the inequalities that perpetuate the cycle of poverty in these underserved communities, including communities of color that disproportionately live in these high poverty areas. The program improves youth's abilities to interact positively and think critically, ultimately reducing poverty while leading to a better quality of life.

Describe current racial and income demographics for the assumed beneficiaries of this funding: (600-characters max)

Still I Rise targets and serves the needs of at-risk, low income, low level of education and underprivileged youth. The audience served is predominately African American (43%), Caucasian (17%), Hispanic (25%), as well as other ethnicities (15%).

Highlight your organization's experience and accomplishments serving Low/Moderate Income persons/households. (600-characters max)

Still I Rise empowers youth to create a positive change in society through programs: health and wellness, youth entrepreneur, arts and culture, and financial literacy. By identifying and providing educational and supportive resources, Still I Rise has successfully enhanced the quality of life for thousands of youth. Over the last eight years Still I Rise has educated, motivated, and provided nourishing meals to thousands of youth and their families.

Still I Rise is the recipient of the 2021 Kankakee County Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year Award and the 2021 NAACP President's Award.



How will your organization promote your proposed program to the targeted population?

- Word of mouth
- Website and social media
- Newspaper
- Radio
- Flyers
- Interviews

Describe the overall process for collecting data. What tools do you use to track and monitor income, race and ethnicity data? How does your organization track and record client demographics?

To track and monitor income, race, and ethnicity data surveys are utilized through a self-administered questionnaire consisting of a series of questions to be completed by the program participants.

Within the beneficiaries served, what is the proposed number to be reported as new – defined as persons/households who have never before used this program/activity? What percentage of the total served will these numbers be?

200

For persons/households who are not using your program/activity for the first time, what is the estimated number to be reported as having access to an improved service due to the KARP funding? What percentage of the total served will these numbers be?

100%

Skip this question if your proposed program/service is entirely new. IF this is an existing program, describe how your existing program/activity, will be expanded. Provide a QUANTIFIABLE INCREASE in the level of proposed service compared to current service provided in the past 12 months:

BUDGET (40 Points)

Identify the funding sources for **the proposed project**. This information will be provided directly to HUD. Proformas can be included but will not substitute this budget form. Budgets must be:

- Specific and includes all things public funds will be used for. **Anything not accounted for in the budget will not be funded**

DO NOT include your entire operational budget.

Use of Funds	Source of Funds (Please list amount and source specifically)						
Line Item	Requested KARP Funds	Applicant Funds	Other Funds (specify)				Total
Occupancy	\$20,000						\$20,000
Staff Salary	\$35,137.35						\$35,137.35
Withholdings	\$7,307.52						\$7,307.52
Equipment and Software	\$54,243						\$54,243
Printing and Reproduction	\$1,076.62						\$1,076.62
Postage and Shipping	\$1,800						\$1,800
Meals	\$56,025						\$56,025
Curriculum	\$5,000						\$5,000
Uniforms	\$4,400						\$4,400
Petty Cash	\$4,000						\$4,000
Advertising and Marketing	\$18,650						\$18,650
Supplies and Materials	\$7,694.98						\$7,694.98
IT Technician	\$7,000						\$7,000
Total							

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Budget Narrative & Worksheet

Consult the Application Guide for requirements on this section.

Explain project budget/funding sources including any leveraged funds. How are they applied towards your activity;
(600-characters)

Every direct service line item for the program is required for the successful implementation of the program. The funding will be utilized to operate the program over the course of a one year period.

Occupancy 6%
Salary 10%
Withholdings 2%
Equipment and Software 18%
Printing and Reproduction .3%
Postage and Shipping .5%
Meals 18%
Curriculum 2%
Uniforms 1%
Petty Cash 2%
Advertising and Marketing 6%
Supplies and Materials 6%
IT Technician 2.1%
Seminars and Workshops 14%
Travel and Transportation 7%
Furniture 2.1%
Banquet Ceremony 4%
Utilities 2%
Professional Fees 2%

1. Is there a fee charged or suggested donation for your services?

No ☒ Yes ☐ *If yes, attach a copy of the fee schedule, and describe pricing methodology.

2. Are KARP funds being used to replace any state or local funds within this activity?

No ☒ Yes ☐ *If yes, explain:

3. Are KARP funds being used to replace any federal funds within this activity?

No ☒ Yes ☐ *If yes, explain:

4. Has your agency received KARP or other federal funds in any of the Fiscal Years 2015 through 2021?

No ☒ Yes ☐ *If yes, explain:

5. Does your agency currently receive any funding from the City of Kankakee or any other government funding source?

No ☒ Yes ☐ * If yes. list amount and department providing funding

N/A

What is the estimated cost per persons/household served?

\$2,996.63

Justify your proposed per-person/household cost and explain how you determined it.

Every direct service line activity for the Youth Development Program is divided by the number of persons we serve is how we arrived at the estimated cost per person. These specific line items are required for the implementation of the program.



AUDITING CONTROL, QUALIFICATIONS (16 Points)

Please answer the following, making sure to address each bullet point:

- How will you segregate KARP funds for identification, tracking, and reporting?
- Describe the organization's payment and disbursement procedures as they relate to the public service
- Describe your financial reporting system/procedures, as it relates to the public service
- Describe your organization's Auditing requirements

Segregating KARP funds for identification, tracking, and reporting:

A fund number will be assigned to the KARP funds in the accounting software which will show revenue and expenses tracked within the fund. An accountant will oversee the financial accounting of the funds, along with identifying, tracking and reporting. The accountant will enable the organization to allocate the funds into separate categories in order to keep funds organized. The accountant will also ensure the financial health and stability of the funds, maintain standards for financial data, and make decisions based on the fiscal capabilities of the organization.

Payment disbursement procedures:

The organization will disburse payments via checks and debit card transactions.

Financial reporting system/procedures:

The accountant will ensure that financial reporting is completed in accordance with legal and ethical requirements and accepted accounting practices. They will also ensure the financial reporting is completed within the required time frame.

Auditing requirements:

The organization abides by the State of Illinois auditing requirement laws. Annual reviews are performed.



Data Collection

What type of income verification will be used to meet the KARP low/moderate income documentation requirement?

☐ Third-party verification and documentation on 100% of beneficiaries served

☒ Organization intake/survey method (self-certification) *

☐ Presumed benefit clientele (can list)

Explain the strategy and rationale for your above selection for data collection. How will your organization collect and verify income and demographic information?: (600-characters max)

All program participants will complete applications and surveys collecting demographic information including age, race, ethnicity, gender, gender, marital status, income, education, and employment.

Conflict of Interest

As an applicant requesting funding, will any of your employees, agents, consultants, officers, or elected officials:

Participate in the decision making process for the approval of this application? No ☐ Yes ☒

Have a financial interest or reap a financial benefit from this program/activity? No ☐ Yes ☒

Have an interest in any contract, subcontract, or agreement with respect to this application either for themselves or those with whom they have family or business ties during the program year and for one year thereafter?

No ☒ Yes ☐

*If you selected, "yes," to any of the above, clearly describe the conflict below.

I am a resident who volunteers on the CAB.



ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS (5 Points)

Project site address N/A

Is the project currently underway?

- ☐ Yes; If yes, contact ECDA prior to completing this application
- ☐ No; project will not begin before an environmental review is completed by City of Kankakee

Has a Level 1 Environmental Review been completed? ☐ No ☐ Yes, provide a copy with application

Flood Hazard Area: Is there evidence or knowledge that a portion of the proposed project is located in a 100- or 500-year flood plain?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

Noise Abatement and Control:

Distance from nearest railroad: ☐ More ☐ Less than 3,000 feet ☐ Don't Know

Distance from nearest major roadway: ☐ More ☐ Less than 3,000 feet ☐ Don't Know

Distance from nearest airport: ☐ More ☐ Less than 3,000 feet ☐ Don't Know

Wetland Protection: Is there wetland associated with the proposed project?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

Does the project include repair, rehabilitation, or conversion of existing building/facilities?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

Does the project involve new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or any construction that requires moving dirt, excavation or ground disturbance?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

Is there any presence of lead or lead hazards within the property? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

How was the presence of lead determined? _____

Does the project involve existing units that are 50 years or older? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, does the property have historical significance? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (5 Points)

These documents are required to be attached to the final application submission:

- State and Federal Tax Exemption Determination Letter - 501 (c)(3) Nonprofit
- List of current Board of Directors/Council or Trustees
- 2022-23 KARP Project Summary (separate 1 page document)

If your activity is funded, these documents are required prior to Sub-Recipient Agreement completion:

- Copy of the applicant's previous year's Audit, Management & Compliance Report
- Copy of applicant's Insurance Coverage as required in the applicable contract Exhibit E – Insurance. (The Insurance Exhibit will be provided after funding is allocated.)

Project Applicant

Organization/ Agency legal name:	Still I Rise
Contact Person / Title:	Tocarra Eldridge - Executive Director
Address:	475 E. Court St. Suite 2113, Kankakee, IL 60901
Telephone:	815-414-9614
Email:	info@Still-iRise.org
Program Operating Location (if different than listed above)	Downtown Kankakee Business Incubator

Type of agency:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gov't/Public	<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Based	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Date of incorporation:	October 16, 2014	Federal Tax ID number:	472231595		
Agency DUNS number:	080203211	Annual operating budget:	\$22,708.93		
Number of paid staff:	0	Number of volunteers:	30		

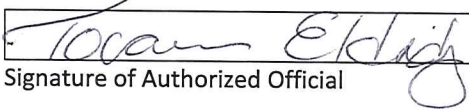


Certification

I hereby acknowledge by applying for KARP funds, this activity may require compliance in the following areas:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilization of minority and women contractors• Labor Standards Provision (Davis-Bacon)• Uniform Relocation Act Section 104(d)• Lead-Based Paint Assessment, Remediation/Abatement• Debarred, suspended and ineligible contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 3• Environmental Regulations• Flood Insurance• Handicapped accessibility• Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, 1964• Title VII of Civil Rights Act – Fair Housing
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I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct and that it contains no misrepresentations, falsifications, intentional omissions, or concealment of material facts and that the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that no contracts have been awarded, funds committed, or construction begun on the proposed program, and that none will be prior to issuance of a Release of Funds by the Program Administrator.


Signature of Authorized Official

Tocarra Eldridge
Name of Authorized Official

Executive Director
Title

04/01/2022
Date